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E.O.11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR, CH, TH  
SUBJECT: CHINESE COMPLAIN ABOUT PORTRAYAL OF PRC IN THAI PRESS

1. AT RECENT INFORMAL DINNER HOSTED BY THAI AMBASSADOR FOR CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, RANKING PRC GUEST VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG STEERED DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR TO CURRENT THAI DOMESTIC SCENE. HAN INQUIRED, APPARENTLY MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER, WHY THE THAI PRESS HAD RECENTLY BEEN SO HARSH IN ITS DEPICTION OF THE PRC-- ESPECIALLY WHEN THE CHINESE SIDE HAD RESTRAINED ITS OWN MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE NEW THAI GOVERNMENT AND HAD PRIVATELY INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CARRY ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AS BEFORE.

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THAI EMBOFF WHO PROVIDED ABOVE, HAN'S QUESTION ELICITED AN EMBARRASSED SILENCE.  
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THAI EMBOFFS HERE ADMIT FREELY THAT THEY SUFFER FROM LACK OF GUIDANCE EMANATING FROM BANGKOK, ARE STRUCK BY INCONGRUITY OF MAINTAINING CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH PRC DURING PERIOD OF INTENSE DOMESTIC ANTI-COMMUNIST FERVOR, AND ARE AT A LOSS AS TO HOW THEY OUGHT TO PROCEED IN RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

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